## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method comprising:

producing a pseudonym including a public pseudonym key within a platform;

placing the public pseudonym key into a certificate template;

performing a hash operation on the certificate template to produce a certificate hash value;

performing a transformation on the certificate hash value for transmission from the platform;

receiving a signed result being a digital signature for the transformed certificate hash value; and

performing an inverse transformation on the signed result to recover a digital signature of the certificate hash value.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the producing of the pseudonym includes generating the public pseudonym key and a private pseudonym key corresponding to the public pseudonym key.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the placing of the public pseudonym key into the certificate template includes writing the public pseudonym key into a field of the certificate template.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the performing of the transformation comprises:

performing a logical operation on the certificate hash value using a pseudo-random number to produce a value differing from the certificate hash value.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein the pseudo-random number is a predetermined value raised to an inverse power designated by a pseudo-random value.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein the pseudo-random value is stored in secure memory.

7. The method of claim 4, wherein the performing of the inverse transformation comprises performing a logical operation on the signed result using an inverse of the pseudo-random number.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein prior to receiving the digital signature, the method comprises:

digitally signing a certification request, including the transformed certificate hash value, with a private key of a first platform to produce a signed certification request.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein prior to receiving the digital signature, the method further comprises:

obtaining a device certificate being a digital certificate chain that includes a public key of a first platform, to accompany the signed certificate request

10. The method of claim 9, wherein prior to receiving the digital signature, the method further comprises:

transferring the signed certificate request and the device certificate to a second platform.

11. The method of claim 11 further comprising:

storing the digital signature of the certificate hash value for use in subsequent communications to a remotely located platform.

12. A device comprising:

a processing unit; and

a persistent memory including a first key pair and at least one pseudonym for use in communications with a remotely located device and in identifying that a platform containing the device is secure.

13. The device of claim 12, wherein the at least one pseudonym includes a second key pair.

14. The device of claim 13, wherein the second key pair is erased after a communication session with the remotely located device has concluded.

15. The device of claim 12 further comprising:
a number generator to assist in producing the at least one pseudonym.

16. A platform comprising:
a transceiver; and
a device in communication with the transceiver, the device including a persistent memory to contain a permanent key pair, at least one pseudonym generated internally within the device and a digital signature of a hash value of a digital certificate chain that includes a public pseudonym key of the pseudonym.

17. The platform of claim 16, wherein the device further includes:
a processing unit to (i) write the public pseudonym key into a certificate template, (ii) perform a hash operation on the certificate template to produce a certificate hash value, (iii) to perform a transformation operation on the certificate hash value.

18. The platform of claim 17, wherein the processing unit of the device further produces a digital signature of at least the transformed certificate hash value using a private key of the permanent key pair.

19. The platform of claim 16, wherein the processing unit of the device further appending a device certificate with the digital signature of at least the transformed certificate hash value.

20. The platform of claim 19, wherein the device certificate is the digital certificate chain.